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Dear Mr. Brown:

RE: FILE NUMBER 91080-MOH

In response to your access request, I am pleased to inform you that disclosure has been granted under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1987.

Your request was for all letters, memos, or other correspondence to and from Mr. Corder, Andrew Parr and the Directors of both the Public Health and Mental Health Facilities Branches during the period 1986 to 1991 on the subject of environmental hyper-sensitivity.

An extensive search was conducted for records responsive to your request. The search included both current files and those in storage, as well as, all files on the issue of environmental hyper-sensitivity held in the Ministry's Corporate Filing Services Section, Supply and Services Branch from 1986 to 1991. The following documents were found to be responsive to your request and are being disclosed in full:

A. Records A-1 and A-3, from the Community Hospitals Branch;
B. Records B-1 and B-2, from the Public Health Branch;
C. Records C-1 to C-7, from the Mental Health Facilities Branch

However, with respect to record A-2, some of the material requested has been severed under the authority of section 13 of the Act. Where material has been severed, the legal authority is noted in the margin next to the information removed. A copy of this section is enclosed for your information. Ms Annabelle Garland, Assistant Director, Community Hospitals Branch, was responsible for the decision to sever this information.

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Subsection 13(1), a discretionary exemption under the Act, was used to sever information which, if disclosed, would reveal advice from a civil servant regarding a proposed course of action.

In cases where an enclosure or attachment is cited however not included with the document, that material is unavailable as it was not attached to the copy when it was filed.

The legislation gives you the right to request a review of this decision within 30 days of the date of this letter by the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario. The office address is:

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Please contact this office if you require further information or have any questions about this file.

Sincerely yours,

Regis Gagnon
Program Advisor